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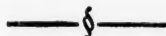
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[Assented to 24th December, 1875.]

An Act to incorporate "The St. Patrick's Literary Institute of Quebec."

WHEREAS an institute called the "St. Patrick's Catholic and Literary Institute" has been in existence in the City of Quebec, for over twenty-two years;

And whereas it is expedient to accede to the prayer of the members thereof, asking that it be incorporated under the name of "The St. Patrick's Literary Institute;" Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows:

1. Jeremiah Gallagher, John Lane, William H. LaRoche, Thomas Coolican, Thaddeus J. Walsh, Jeremiah Horan, John O'Dowd, John Dunn, Robert H. McGreevy, John Deegan, Owen Murphy, John Hearn, M.P.P., Robert W. Behan, Maurice O'Leary, Edward C. Burke, Edward Crean, William Quinn, Honble. Thomas McGreevy, M. P., Thomas Duhig, Robert Gamble, William Kirwin, Michael McNamara, Patrick W. McKnight, Francis McLaughlin, Patrick C. Murphy, Patrick M. Partridge, James A. Quinn, James Rafferty, John Roche, Matthew F. Walsh, John O'Leary, Patrick Shee, Mark McLaughlin, William Maguire, M. D., and such other persons as now are, or may be hereafter associated with them in conformity with this act, and their successors, are hereby constituted and created a body corporate and politic, with all the rights incident to corporations, by the name of "The St. Patrick's Literary Institute" for the purposes of education and for the advancement of the sciences and literature.

2. Within six months of the coming into force of this act, the said corporation shall be bound to make an inventory by notary of all the property now belonging to it, valuing movables and immovables, and any of the present members wishing to withdraw from the said corporation shall have the right to do so and claim their share of the net property of the said corporation; this intention to withdraw and claim their share shall be made in writing within six months after the completion of the aforesaid inventory.

2. The said corporation shall have perpetual succession, and may have a common seal, with power to change, alter, break and renew the same, when and as often as they shall think proper, and may, under the said name, contract and be contracted with, sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, prosecute and be prosecuted in all courts and places whatsoever in this province; and by the same name, they and their successors, from time to time, and at

all times hereafter, shall be able and capable to have, take, receive, purchase and acquire, hold, possess, enjoy and maintain, to and for the use of the said corporation, all lands and property, movable and immovable, which are now held in trust for it, or which may hereafter be sold, ceded, exchanged, given, bequeathed or granted to the said corporation, provided that the annual revenue of the said corporation do not exceed ten thousand dollars; or to sell, alienate, convey, let or lease the same if need be.

3. The officers of the said Corporation shall consist of a President, Vice-president, one Secretary, a Treasurer, a committee of Management not to exceed five in number, and such other officers as shall, from time to time, seem necessary to the corporation. The said nine to be chosen by the association at an annual meeting called for that purpose between the first of February and first of March of each year, and the said nine shall choose their officers as above from among themselves at a subsequent meeting.

The persons hereinafter named to wit: Jeremiah Gallagher, Thomas Coolican, Jeremiah Horan, Thaddeus J. Walsh, John Dunn, William H. LaRoche, John O'Dowd, John Deegan, Robert H. McGreevy and John Lane, shall be a provisional Committee for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act, namely: the preparing the necessary by-laws, and calling a meeting of the Members of the said Corporation for the purpose of electing officers.

4. The said Corporation shall have power to pass by-laws not inconsistent with the laws of the province for fixing the terms of admission of its members, for the government of the same, for the election of, changing and altering the officers above named, and for the general regulation and management of its affairs, and for carrying out the object of the said act of incorporation, which by-laws, when passed and adopted at a regular meeting, shall, until modified or rescinded, be equally binding as this act upon the corporation, its officers and members.

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LIFE MEMBERS.

McGauran, Revd. Bernard.
 Connolly, " John.
 Lane, John, Junr.
 Quinn, Wm. R.
 McNamara, Michael.
 Kirwin, William.
 Shee, Patrick.
 O'Leary, Maurice.
 Quinn, William.
 Quinn, John A.
 Quinn, James A.
 Quinn, James.
 Quinn Edward P.
 Quinn, John.
 Quinn, Charles.

Quinn, Joseph.
 Lane, John, Senr.
 Lane, John P.
 Lane, Thos. J.
 Lane, Peter M.
 Lane, James J.
 Connolly, James.
 Murphy, Cwen, Mayor.
 Hearn, John, M.P.P.
 Rockett, James L.
 O'Leary, John.
 McKay, William, (Ottawa.)
 McGreevy, Hon. Thos., M.P.
 Roche, John.
 Walsh, M. Joseph.

ANNUAL MEMBERS.

Behan, Robert W.
 Boisvert, L. Alexander.
 Brady, Peter J.
 Brady, James J.
 Burke, Edward C.
 Bennett, Joh
 Bogue, Jame
 Bradley, Ro
 Burns, John
 Burns, Thoma
 Bogue, P. Arthu
 Brennan, John.
 Beaupré, Noel.

Coolican James S.
 Coolican, Thomas.
 Convey, William.
 Cotter, Patrick M.
 Coleman, Maurice W.
 Coote, Charles E.
 Cannon, Edward G.
 Crean, Edward.
 Charlton, E. J.

Carroll, Michael.
 Connolly, Michael.
 Cantillon, Joseph.
 Coleman, Matthew.
 Corrigan, James.
 Crean, John.
 Crean, Michael.
 Carr, Thomas.
 Clancy, Richard.
 Cullen, John.
 Connolly, Stephen.

Dunn, John, Junr.
 Dunn, John, Senr.
 Donaghue, Geo.
 Duhig, Thomas.
 Demers, F. X.
 Demers, Louis.
 Deegan, John.
 Day, John.
 Dawson, John.
 DeBlois, G. H.
 Duggan, Ed. (Culler.)

Enright, Maurice.

Fitzhenry, Nicholas.
Fitzpatrick, Patrick.
Fitzpatrick, Charles.
Foley, Edward.

Grogan, Patrick.
Gamble, Robert.
Gallagher, Jeremiah.
Gallagher, Francis.
Gamble, R. Tobias.
Gendron, A.
Giblin, John.
Gilchen, Thomas.
Gilchrist, John.
Green, Jas. A.

Heyden, Michael.
Horan, Jeremiah.
Hawkins, John P.
Hart, John.
Harbor, Felix.
Horan, William.
Hamel, Michel.
Hamel, A. F.
Jordan, John.
Jennings, John.
Jennings, Patrick G., M.D.,
Jobin, Jacques.

Kiley, John.
Kane, John C.
Kelly, Edward.
Kirwin, Patrick.
Kelly, Michael.

Lawlor, Patrick J.
Lemieux, Leon.
Lafamme, Joseph.
LaReche, W. H.
Leneghan, Michael.
Lambert, Stephen.
Lambert, Stephen.
Lynch, John.
Lockquell, Ben.
Lockquell, Louis.

Lynett, Patk.
Lannon, W. T.

Maguire, M. D., William.
McGreevy, R. H.
McLaughlin, Francis.
McKnight, Patrick W.
McKenna, Eugene.
McKenna, James.
McCarron, Charles.
McHugh, Hugh.
McNaughton, John.
McCaffrey, Patrick.
McKeown, D. J.
McCormick, John.
McLaughlin, Mark.
McInenly, Thos.
McGauran, G. D., M. D.
Murphy, James P.
Murphy, John E.
Murphy, Patrick.
Murphy, Patrick C.
Murphy, John V.
Mulrooney, Thos.
Malone, Jeffrey.
Malone, James C.
Murphy, John, (Culler.)
Murphy, John.
Murphy, Daniel.
Murphy, Henry A.
Murphy, Michael J.
Murphy, T. J. (Ottawa.)

Neilan, George.

O'Brien, John.
O'Connell, John.
O'Dowd, Francis.
O'Dowd, John.
O'Connor, Michael.
O'Connell, Timothy. (Cove.)
O'Donohoe, John T.
O'Connor, Henry, (Cross St.)
O'Malley, William J.
O'Sullivan, John.
O'Connor, Henry.

Partridge, P. M.

Partridge, John.
 Partridge, William.
 Plunket, Matthew.
 Power, Richard.

Rafferty, John.
 Rafferty, James.
 Reynolds, Edward.
 Russell, William.
 Redmond, John.
 Ryan, John J.
 Ryan, Richard.
 Ryan, John.

Stafford, Lawrence.
 Stafford, John P.
 Sullivan, Peter J.
 Shee, John K.

Tucker, Mark.

Tierney, John.
 Trumble, Thomas.
 Timmerly, Charles.
 Timmerly, James.

Va. rault Edouard.
 Vachon, J. B. Junr.
 Vennor, William.

Watters, Rev. B. J.
 Walsh, Matthew F.
 Walsh, Thad. J.
 Walsh, Thomas.
 Walsh, Patrick.
 Wright, J. Wm.
 Wright, Peter E.
 Walsh, William.
 Whelan, James.
 Waters, James G.

JUNIOR MEMBERS.

Dunn, Charles John.

Gallagher John A.
 Giblin, John, Jr.

Hearn, John, Jr.

McKnight, Edward M.

Walsh, Walter Delahunt.
 Walsh, James Muredach.

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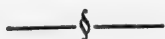
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BY-LAWS

OF

THE ST. PATRICK'S LITERARY INSTITUTE.



SECTION I.—BY-LAWS.

Be it enacted by the St. Patrick's Literary Institute of the City of Quebec, as follows, Viz :—

ARTICLE I.—The Institute shall consist of four classes of members, namely: Annual, Life, Corresponding and Honorary.

II. Annual Members shall consist of those who shall sign the Constitution and By-Laws, and pay the sum of two dollars per annum; they shall be entitled to all the privileges of the Association. Also, a class to be called Junior Members, who shall pay one dollar per annum; they shall be entitled to the privileges of the Reading Room and Library. Persons over twenty-one years of age shall not be admitted to this class.

III. Life Members shall consist of contributors of twenty dollars, and they shall be entitled to all the privileges of the Association.

No person shall be considered a member of either of these classes until he has signed personally, or by his authorized agent, the Constitution and By-laws in a book to be kept for that purpose; and he shall not be entitled to vote, nor be eligible to office, until six months of his membership shall have expired; but this restriction shall only apply to members who shall be admitted after the adoption of said By-laws.

IV. Corresponding Members shall be chosen from non-residents of the City who are favorable to the cause for which the Association has been instituted; they shall be entitled to all the privileges of the Association, except the right of voting. Before they shall be elected notice shall be given, in writing, at a regular meeting, at least one month in advance.

V. Honorary Members shall be chosen from among men eminent for their services in science literature or art, or from those who have rendered important services to this Association; they must be proposed at least one month before being elected, excepting in the case of persons who have been elected previously to the adoption of these By-laws; they shall be entitled to all the privileges of the Association, except the right of voting.

VI. All candidates for admission as Annual or Life Members of the Association must be proposed in writing by two members, in the form of an ordinary motion, stating each candidate's name in full; a ballot shall then take place for each candidate separately, and he shall be declared elected on a simple majority: for the purpose of admission to membership, nine members shall constitute a quorum.

VII. Any member who shall refuse to comply with the Rules and Regulations of the Society, or shall give other sufficient cause, may be expelled by ballot-vote of two-thirds of the qualified voters present at an ordinary meeting of the Association; notice of the accusation having been given at a previous ordinary meeting, and the Secretary having duly notified the party of the complaint against him, in order that he may have ample opportunity to justify himself.

VIII. No Member, once expelled, shall be re-admitted until, at least six months after such expulsion, and then only by a two-thirds vote of members present, provided notice be given at the next preceding meeting.

IX. Any member of this Association who is in arrears for more than three months, shall not be permitted to vote on any question before the meeting until such arrears are paid in full.

X. Any member whose subscription is twelve months in arrears shall cease *de facto* to be a member, of which he shall be notified by the Secretary; but on payment of such arrears he shall be re-established in his rights as a member; provided always, that nothing herein contained shall prevent the Association from suing for same.

XI. Members may resign on giving written notice thereof to the Treasurer of the Institute, and such members shall pay all arrears due the Institute for the remainder of the then current year.

XII. The annual subscription shall become due and payable on the first day of January in each year, in advance, and all members elected prior to the first of July in each year, shall

be required to pay the subscription for the current year, and if after the first of July, they shall be required to pay a half year's subscription.

XIII. Members of the heretofore St. Patrick's Catholic and Literary Institute, on signing the Constitution and by-laws, and paying the annual subscription, shall have immediate privilege of these by-laws.

XIV. The Committee of Management may appoint five Members of the Association, for the purpose of forming a Debating Club in connection with the Institute, or for other purposes within the province of the corporation, said sub-committee to make all the Rules and Regulations necessary to carry on and conduct the debates of the said club, or to effect such other objects as it may be appointed to supervise, which said rules shall have the same binding effect as if passed as a by-law, provided, however, the said Rules and Regulations are approved of by the Committee of Management.

XV. All By-Laws hereafter required, or found necessary, shall be passed at two distinct regular meetings of the Committee of Management, at which at least six members shall be present; the object of the by-law shall be hung up in the Hall of the Institute for the week intervening between the Committee Meetings, and then submitted to the Association at a regular, or special meeting, called for that purpose for adoption.

XVI. Nothing contained in any of the above by-laws shall relieve any member of the late St. Patrick's Catholic and Literary Institute from any responsibility or liability as members by reason of their refusing or neglecting to sign the Constitution and By-laws referred to in the above clauses.

XVII. No Book, Periodical, Pamphlet or Newspaper condemned by the Catholic Church, shall be admitted to the Library or News-room.

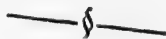
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SECTION II.—MEETINGS.

I. The Association shall meet on the first Tuesday of every month for the transaction of general business; the hour of meeting shall be, from the first of April till the first of October, eight o'clock, P.M., and from the first of October till the first of April, half-past seven, P.M.

II. Fifteen members shall constitute a quorum, and be qualified to transact any business which may be brought before the meeting, excepting always, any question affecting or proposing to alienate, hypothecate, or in any other way dispose of the immovable property of the Institute, which shall only be taken up or considered at a meeting called for that purpose, and of which each member shall be notified by circular addressed to him at least one month previously, through the Post Office, stating the nature of the business, and by a notice to be inserted in at least one city morning newspaper published in the English language, for at least three days beforehand.

III. In calling Special Meetings, notice thereof shall be given by the Secretary to the Members of the Association, by an advertisement to be inserted in at least one city morning newspaper published in the English language; always provided, that no substantive motion shall be considered, except by the consent of all present, unless notice has been given at the next preceding meeting.



SECTION III.—ORDER OF BUSINESS.

As soon as the Presiding Officer has taken the chair the meeting shall be opened in the following order:

- I. The Roll of Officers shall be called.
- II. The Secretary shall read the minutes of the previous meeting, in order that any mistake therein may be corrected.
- III. Proposals for Membership.
- IV. Balloting for Members.
- V. Reports of Committees.
- VI. Deferred Business.
- VII. General Business.
- VIII. Notices of Motions.

SECTION IV.—RULES OF ORDER.

I. It shall be the duty of members to observe order and decorum at the meetings. No member shall speak more than twice on any motion, except by way of explanation of any material part of his speech which may have been misunderstood, but he may not introduce any new matter; he shall rise and address the Presiding Officer, confining himself to the subject under discussion, and to the use of courteous language.

No member shall speak, except by way of enquiry, unless there be a motion before the meeting. All motions shall be proposed and seconded by two members, and except for adjournment, shall be put in writing and handed to the Chairman and read to the meeting by him, after which it may not be withdrawn except by consent of the meeting; and no question of a political character shall be introduced at any meeting of the Association, or of the committee or any sub-committee.

II. The Presiding Officer shall not take part in any debate, nor vote in anywise unless the members be equally divided; he shall decide all questions of Order, subject to an appeal to the meeting.

III. When a member is called to order, he shall sit down, unless permitted to explain; and the meeting, if appealed to, shall decide the point, but without debate; if there be no appeal the decision of the chair shall be submitted to.

IV. When the Presiding Officer is called upon to explain a point of order or practice, he shall state the Rule applicable to the case without argument or comment.

V. Any Member may, of right, require the question or motion under debate to be read once for his information during the debate, but not so as to interrupt a Member speaking.

VI. Whenever a motion is introduced, which in the opinion of the Presiding Officer is contrary to the Rules or Privileges of the Association, he shall apprise the meeting thereof immediately, before such motion is put, and cite the rule applicable to the case. If the mover or seconder object to the Presiding Officer's interpretation of the Rule, it shall be decided by an appeal to the Meeting, without discussion, a majority deciding.

VII. When a question is under debate, no motion, except for adjournment, shall be received, unless to amend or postpone, and these shall have precedence in the order in which they are presented.

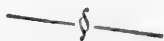
VIII. After the Presiding Officer has put the question, no debate shall be allowed.

IX. When the Presiding Officer is putting a question no member shall walk out of or across the room; nor when a member is speaking, shall any other member hold discourse to interrupt him or pass between him and the chair.

X. In forming a committee of the whole, the Presiding Officer shall leave the chair, but before so doing, shall appoint a Chairman to preside, who shall have the same authority in the chair of the committee as the President in the chair of the meeting.

XI. All voting, except on the admission or expulsion of members and election of committee and officers shall be by show of hands; but the Presiding Officer, in case of uncertainty, may order, or three members demand, a division.

XII. Upon a division, the names of those who vote for and of those who vote against the motion, shall be entered upon the minutes, if three members require it.



SECTION V.—COMMITTEE AND OFFICERS.

I. The Annual Election of Committee of Management shall take place as provided for in Act of Incorporation. The mode of conducting such election shall be as follows, viz.:

The chair shall be taken at half-past seven o'clock, P.M., or as soon thereafter as a quorum is present, and two scrutineers shall be appointed by the meeting to take charge of the ballot box; each member present shall then put into the ballot-box a list of not more or less than nine members whom he desires to elect for the year; the nine having the greatest number of votes shall be the Committee of Management. The ballot-box to remain open for half an hour after its opening.

II. The voters, at the election of the Committee of Management shall be Annual Members who have paid all arrears up to the evening of said election, and Life Members, of which the books shall be evidence.

III. At least one week's notice shall be given to the Association, fixing the day for the general meeting for the election of

the Committee of Management, excepting in the case of the first next ensuing election after the passing of these By-laws, for which at least two days' notice will suffice.

IV. The committee elected shall meet within one week after their election, for the election of the officers, and such officers shall be elected by ballot.

V. No Member shall be eligible for election to the committee for more than two years in succession.

PRESIDENT.

VI. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Institute and of the Committee, maintain order, and state the business before the meeting: he shall announce the result of all ballots and votes, give the casting vote when necessary, call for accounts and Committee Reports, sign all drafts on the Treasurer, call extra meetings when requested by ten members or the Committee of Management, or when deemed necessary by himself, and generally superintend the execution of the By laws and Regulations of the Association, and see that the other officers perform their duty, and shall sign all reports of the Committee of Management, and call special meetings of committee when he shall deem it necessary. He shall not be eligible for more than one term in succession.

VICE-PRESIDENT.

The Vice-President shall assist the President, and the duties of that officer, as already specified, shall, in his absence, devolve on the Vice-President, and, in the absence of both, a Chairman shall be appointed by a vote of the meeting.

TREASURER.

The Treasurer shall, before his installation, give a bond to the President with two sureties, to be approved of by the Committee, for the faithful keeping of the funds.

He shall receive all sums of money due or payable to the Association, and pay all orders drawn on him by the Committee of Management, signed by the President, or in his absence by the Vice-President, or in the absence of both by the Chairman, and attested by the Secretary, and no others; he shall keep a correct account of all sums received and expended by him; he shall report monthly to the Committee of Management the state of the funds,

and, at the last meeting of his term of office, give a full report to the Association of all the receipts and disbursements during said term; and shall have his books written up within twenty-four hours after the last meeting of the term, and deliver up to his successor in office, all the monies, books, &c., in his hands belonging to the Association.

SECRETARY.

The Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Association, and report monthly to the Committee of Management, and he shall keep a fair and accurate record of the proceedings of the Association and of the Committee of Management, give notice of meetings as required, attest all orders on the Treasurer, and hand over to that officer, at his earliest convenience, all sums coming into his hands, report all donations, letters, &c., monthly to the Committee of Management, keep the seal of the Association, and have his books written up within twenty-four hours after the last meeting of the term, and deliver up to his successor in office, all books, papers, &c., belonging to the said office.

In the absence of the Secretary, an Acting Secretary shall be appointed, who shall perform the duties of the office.

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT.

The Committee of Management, of whom three shall form a quorum, except where otherwise provided for, shall assemble on the Wednesday of each week, at eight o'clock in the evening, to conduct the affairs of the Association; they shall draw up an annual report, to be laid before the Association at the regular annual meeting for the election of Committee in each year, and before said election; they shall hear and determine all applications for money, and shall, at their first meeting, appoint a Librarian, who shall have charge of the Library and News-Room, under the direction of the respective officers and them; they shall frame any additional regulations which they may deem necessary for the issuing of books, the guidance of visitors to the News-Room, the management of the Hall, and for the general transaction of the affairs of the Institution.

All vacancies occurring in the Committee of Management arising from resignation or otherwise shall be filled at the next regular Meeting of the Association after such vacancy occurs, and any vacancy in the officers shall be filled by the Committee of Management in the usual manner of election within fifteen days after such vacancy may have occurred.

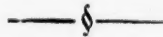
SECTION VI.—FINES.

I. Any member of a Committee who shall not attend all Meetings called by the Chairman of such Committee shall be fined ten cents.

II. Any Officer of the Association who shall absent himself from any regular Meeting thereof, unless prevented by sickness or necessary absence from town, shall be fined twenty cents.

III. Any Officer who shall absent himself from three meetings in succession, unless prevented by sickness or unavoidable absence from town, shall be fined fifty cents, or removed from office, as the Association may determine.

IV. Officers neglecting to attend special meetings, when duly notified, shall be subject to the same fines as at regular meetings.



SECTION VII.—RESERVE FUND.

I. All subscriptions of Life Members, all monies received as donations or bequests, or the proceeds in case of sale or disposal in any way of any such donations or bequests, and all fines collected, shall be deposited in one of the 'Savings' Banks of this City, or invested in the Stocks of any of the Chartered Banks of the Dominion, or in the bonds of the Dominion or Provincial Governments or of the City of Quebec, and not otherwise; and all such deposits or investments shall be known as the Reserve Fund, and a proper and distinct account of same shall be kept by the Treasurer, and submitted to the Annual General Meeting of the members each year.

II. All such deposits or investments shall be made by the Treasurer for the time being, in the name of the St. Patrick's Literary Institute, and the same may be withdrawn or sold, as the case may be, by the President, Treasurer and Secretary, and re-deposited or re-invested as above prescribed, in such manner and disposition as shall from time to time seem meet to the Committee, to be decided on at any meeting at which not less than six members shall be present.

III. The said Reserve Fund shall be applicable only to the paying off, as the Committee may from time to time decide, of

any mortgage or mortgages which now or may hereafter exist on the immovable property of the Institute; provided, always, that the interest or dividends arising therefrom may be applied to the expenses of the Institute for the then current year, or be added to said Reserve Fund, as the Committee may from time to time determine.

IV. Nothing herein contained shall be held to prevent the Committee from adding such other sum or sums to the said Reserve Fund as they may at any time consider advisable, without interfering with the proper carrying out of the objects of the Institute.

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